

IAEM Student of the Year 2026

The IAEM Student of the Year Award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions in promoting IAEM and the field of emergency management through public awareness, increasing membership, showing leadership and initiative in education, and increasing the professionalism of emergency and disaster management. This can be done through volunteer work, promotion of the field, and contribution in the student's community. High academic achievement is also required, both formal and/or continuing education.

Eligibility

- A nominee for Student of the Year must not have received an award in a previous year.
 - Nominee does **not** have to be a member of IAEM.
 - Self-nominations are not accepted.
 - The nominee must be enrolled in an associates, bachelor's master's, or doctoral degree program at an accredited institution of higher learning during the calendar year of 2025. Traditional college, university, and on-line institutions are acceptable.
 - The award recipient does not need to be present at the IAEM Annual Conference to be selected although the award recipient is strongly encouraged to participate in the conference.
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Completing the Official Award Entry/Nomination

- **Method:** An entry **must** be submitted in English on the official IAEM awards portal, available on the Membership Dashboard after logging in on the iaem.org website. People who are not members of the IAEM who wish to submit an entry must register as a Guest on the IAEM website to gain access to the awards entry portal.
 - **Remain within specified limits:** some entry details have limits on the number of words. Information that exceeds the word limit will be truncated and excess words will not be visible to judges. Be concise!
 - **Complete all entry details:** fill in each blank on the award entry portal. Incomplete information will cause the entry to be rejected.
 - **Deadline:** Entry must be submitted no later than the submission deadline announced by the IAEM via email and on its website. Late entries will not be considered.
 - **Supporting Materials:** No supporting materials for this award, such as recommendations, letters of support, or transcripts are requested.
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Judging Criteria

Documentation of the following criteria must be submitted via the awards portal.

Category	Documentation	Weight
Promoting emergency management	Describe significant contributions in promoting emergency management and enhancing awareness on the field of emergency management.	20%
Contributions to the profession	Describe significant contributions in the field of emergency management that support increasing professionalism. What accomplishments have been achieved and recognition won?	50%
Initiative in education and academic achievement	Describe academic and professional courses completed that are beyond the scope of ordinary course scheduling and/or taught others about aspects of the profession. Describe academic achievements. (A transcript is not required.)	25%
IAEM Member	Nominee is a member of IAEM-USA in good standing as of the date of nomination. (Not required to be a member for purpose of nomination)	5%

Judging Process

The award entries will be judged based on the compliance of content requirements explained above.

All award entries will be evaluated through an unbiased selection process.

Only written documentation via entries and uploads on the awards portal will be reviewed. Incomplete entries will not be considered.

Judges are assigned by the Awards & Recognition Committee Chair or designee. Judges who have a conflict-of-interest as defined in the *IAEM Code of Conduct* will be recused from judging that entry.

Judges will provide a recommendation for selection of one recipient of this award to the IAEM-USA Awards and Recognition Committee whose decisions are final. Any questions can be referred to the Awards and Recognition Committee Chair.

Announcement of Award Results

Once the USA Awards and Recognition Committee confirms the award recipient, IAEM Headquarters will notify the recipient, the nominator, and the recipient's IAEM Region President. Additionally, nominators of entries not selected will be notified.

Questions

If you have a question about this award or its criteria, please email: awards@iaem.com. Phone calls are not accepted. Email questions prior to the entry deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.